



CITY of BEAVERTON

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STREET CLOSURES DURING POOCHES ON THE GREEN

BEAVERTON, Oregon (March 15, 2010) - To ensure the safety of pedestrians and animals during Pooches on the Green, **SW 5th Street between SW Hall Boulevard and SW Watson Avenue will be closed from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20.** Westbound 5th Street traffic will be diverted south on SW Tucker Avenue and northbound Hall Boulevard traffic will be diverted eastbound at SW 5th Street.

ABOUT POOCHES ON THE GREEN

The City of Beaverton's second annual Pooches on the Green event will be held on Saturday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in **City Park** (5th Street and Hall Boulevard). This year's event will feature the Sir James McDonald Pipe Band, Murray School of Irish Dancing and contests including best dressed, look-a-like, best kisser, best silly trick and face only a mother could love. Prizes for the winners have been donated by Nature's Pet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 a.m.	Mayor Denny Doyle & Sir James McDonald Pipe Band
11:30 a.m.	Beaverton Police K-9 demonstration
12:30 p.m.	Irish Dancing with the Dogs
1 p.m.	Dog Parade and Costume Contest
1:30 p.m.	Best Kisser and Silly Pet Tricks Contests
2:30 p.m.	Contest Winners Announced

Pooches on the Green will take place rain or shine. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Pooches or call Erin Hickey, Events Program Coordinator, at (503) 350-4088.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America** by **BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America** by **Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.